



# SHIP OPERATIONS COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

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### **SOCP Meets in San Diego, CA**

**Highlights include Luncheon Speakers from the newly formed Department of Homeland Security and the Port of San Diego, a Dinner Presentation from the Maritime Administrator, and a discussion Panel on Best Practices for Ships in U.S. Ports**

The Ship Operations Cooperative Program (SOCP) invites all maritime industry representatives to attend and participate in the SOCP's March 5-6, 2003, meeting in San Diego, CA.

Join SOCP at its public meeting at the Point Loma Navy Submarine Base in San Diego, CA. On March 5, 2003 the meeting will open with welcoming remarks from the MSC Commander of the Pacific Fleet. Hear a senior level representative from the newly formed Department of Homeland Security provide insight into this critical department's evolution and future direction. The agenda will also include discussion panels on Best Security Practices for Ships in U.S. Ports and Innovative Maritime Technologies. The day will culminate with a tour of the NASSCO ship yard and a dinner presentation from Captain William Schubert, Maritime Administrator, who will discuss the affect on the Maritime Administration/DOT's mission as a result of USCG and TSA transferring to the Department of Homeland Security and the future role MARAD will play in maritime security.

On March 6, 2003 several reports will be presented on industry issues and activities, along with a technology presentation. The invited luncheon speaker from the Port of San Diego, CA, will provide an overview of port activities and review steps that are being implemented to enhance security. Full agenda and detailed information regarding logistics and no-fee registration can be viewed at [www.socp.org](http://www.socp.org).

If you are interested in attending please contact Kim-Anh Rester at your earliest by email at [kim.rester@marad.dot.gov](mailto:kim.rester@marad.dot.gov) or by voice at (202) 366-0364 to confirm your attendance; provide your name, position title, organization, address, phone, fax, and email address.

If you can't be present, join SOCP via live webcast starting at 9:00 a.m. EST, Wednesday, March 5, 2003 and 8:00 a.m. EST, Thursday, March 6, 2003 at [www.maritimetv.com](http://www.maritimetv.com). SOCP also offers opportunities to be a webcast sponsor. Contact Dave Gardy, [TVWorldwide.com](http://TVWorldwide.com) by phone at 703-961-9250 X221 or email at [dgardy@tvworldwide.com](mailto:dgardy@tvworldwide.com) for additional sponsor information or technical questions regarding the webcast.

SOCP is private/public partnership formed in 1993 to share resources and the application of technology to improve profitability, ship safety, training, and quality of operations, equipment reliability, productivity and competitiveness for its members.

All maritime industry representatives are welcomed.

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